

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 19-A: DOMESTIC RELATIONS HEADING:
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Chapter 55: RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
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**§1658. TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
UPON CONVICTION**

The parental rights and responsibilities with respect to a specific child of a parent convicted of a crime involving the sexual intercourse that resulted in the conception of that child may be terminated in accordance with this section. [1997, c. 363, §1 (NEW).]

1. Petitioner. The petition for termination may be filed by the other parent or, if the other parent is a minor, the parent or guardian of the other parent.

[1997, c. 363, §1 (NEW) .]

2. Petition. The petitioner may file a petition with the District Court that requests the termination of the parental rights and responsibilities of the convicted parent and alleges:

A. That the parent was convicted of a crime involving sexual intercourse; and [1997, c. 363, §1 (NEW) .]

B. That the sexual intercourse resulted in the conception of the child. [1997, c. 363, §1 (NEW) .]

[1997, c. 363, §1 (NEW) .]

3. Termination. Except as provided in subsection 4, if the petitioner proves the allegations in subsection 2, paragraphs A and B by a preponderance of the evidence, the court shall terminate the parental rights and responsibilities of the parent.

[1997, c. 363, §1 (NEW) .]

4. Exception. The court is not required to terminate the parental rights and responsibilities of a parent convicted of gross sexual assault under Title 17-A, section 253, subsection 1, paragraph B, that resulted in the conception of the child if:

A. The parent or guardian of the other parent filed the petition; [1997, c. 363, §1 (NEW) .]

B. The other parent informs the court that the sexual act was consensual; and [1997, c. 363, §1 (NEW) .]

C. The other parent opposes the termination of the parental rights and responsibilities of the parent convicted of the gross sexual assault. [1997, c. 363, §1 (NEW) .]

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SECTION HISTORY

1997, c. 363, §1 (NEW) .

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